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Kinship Services*

*Homeless
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Basic Needs

In association with:

*The Leadership
Council on Aging*

*Great Start
Livingston*



2010 Annual Report to the Community

*“Ensuring a System of Support
for Members of Our
Community”*

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From the Chair:

On behalf of the members of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB) it is my pleasure to present the 2010 Annual Report to the community. Especially during these challenging economic times organizations in this county recognize that one organization alone cannot solve the human service needs of our community. We have proven that by working together as agencies, residents, governments, businesses, and churches, we can make a real difference!

If you are not already a part of one of the HSCB workgroups please consider joining in this important work. We welcome your participation! More information is available on the HSCB website at: www.co.livingston.mi.us/hscb/ or by contacting the HSCB Community Collaborative Planner, Lindsay Beaudry.

-Nancy A. Rosso

HSCB Mission

“Ensuring a system of support for members of our community”

HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other’s work.

What is the Purpose of the Human Services Collaborative Body?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a “Community Collaborative” by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members who work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and nonprofit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact Lindsay Beaudry at 517-546-4126 or lbeaudry@cmhliv.org.

Network of the HSCB & Affiliated Collaborative Groups	Role within the Community
Basic Needs Workgroup	Works to address the most fundamental needs of individuals.
Community Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee	Assesses health and human service needs in Livingston County & assists in the evaluation of collaborative projects
Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)	Works to increase the number of local foster homes & provides supports for foster parents & children
Funding Partners	Monitors collaborative projects in Livingston County
Youth in Transition (YIT)	Coordinates services for youth transitioning into adulthood.
Substance Abuse - Treatment	Provides education & training on substance abuse information and trends in Livingston County
Substance Abuse - Prevention (LCCA)	Focuses on substance abuse prevention in the county
Transportation Coalition	Collaborates to identify and address transportation concerns in Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care	Advocating and supporting homelessness prevention in Livingston County
Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB)	Community recognized collaborative body
Suicide Prevention	Developed a suicide prevention plan for Livingston County
Leadership Council on Aging- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing the Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment recommendations
Great Start Livingston- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing Livingston County Great Start Plan

Highlights from 2010

Supporting Families with Young Children

Formerly a workgroup of the HSCB, the Livingston County Great Start Collaborative has grown to become independent, charged with the improvement of services for children age zero to five ensuring a great start for every child. Great Start coordinates with HSCB workgroups and was busy last year. For example:

- More and more connections are being made by Great Start through partners, community organizations & the Chambers of Commerce.
- The Pediatric and Family Health Committee held a Health Insurance Enrollment Training that will increase community capacity to help enroll children in the MICHild and HealthyKids.
- Great Start sub-committees are working on specific and targeted strategies.
- A community wide Parent Leadership Academy is under development which will provide leadership training to parents across the county.

Providing for Basic Needs

The Basic Needs Workgroup developed over the last few years under the banner of the Homeless Continuum of Care and became its own official HSCB workgroup in 2010. This group is charged with developing programs, activities, and supports that assist Livingston County residents in getting their "basic needs" met. This year the group was able to leverage over \$1,000,000 in local resources. Benefits included:

- Connecting local people in need with critical resources was the theme of this year's work. This was accomplished through the support and development of resources guides, support for the Resource Navigator position, church forums, and the Community Asset Coordinator.
- Outstanding outcomes were accomplished by the Livingston County Hunger Council, a workgroup of Basic Needs. Livingston was able to reduce its hunger gap by more than half, increased food pantry coordination, develop community garden projects, provide nutritious and fun summer feeding programs, and increased federal food assistance program utilization exponentially.
- Over eight thousand pounds of personal care items purchased and distributed to low-income clients. Gas cards and bus tokens were also purchased and distributed through partner agencies.

Homeless Continuum of Care

Everyone in Livingston County deserves a safe and affordable place to live. The Livingston Homeless Continuum of Care Workgroup of the HSCB worked diligently with community partners to address the diverse housing needs of Livingston residents through advocacy, public awareness, community events and intense partnering. In 2010 the continuum was able to:

- Coordinate with the homeless service providers in the community to adapt to changing state and federal housing grant requirements that require each community to identify one agency as the local fiduciary for funds.
- Organized the 4th Annual Community Connect Event, the largest HCC event to date (The event drew approximately 900 guests, 500 volunteers, and 100 vendors to services such as housing, utility, food, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, literacy, cooking, clothing, personal care items, and much more).
- The Livingston Interagency Coordination Team met monthly to team and coordinate services for clients with high needs.
- The HCC applied for and reported out on numerous state and federal grants that generated new and sustained current housing dollars.

Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

Previously known as the Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment ad hoc workgroup of the HSCB, the Leadership Council on Aging (LLCA) began its own coalition in 2009 at the recommendation of the Livingston County Commissioners. The Council is charged with developing action plans in response to the Senior Needs Assessment released in May 2008 to address the concerns of aging adults in Livingston County.

- The LLCA hosted community dialogues with local home repair companies, advocated in Lansing to expand use of the housing choice voucher to include seniors and the disabled coming out of care facilities.
- The LLCA worked to identify senior friendly stores & services in the county.
- The group was able to work within its membership to ensure that important information about 211 was distributed on public transportation and to home

Community Needs Assessment

As the official evaluation/research workgroup of the HSCB, Community Needs Assessment (CNS) partners with each workgroup to ensure the groups are operating the most effective programs and interventions based on the most reliable data and community information.

- The CNA has reviewed the Livingston County Behavioral Risk Factors Survey (BRFS), a local survey that gathers information about health & safety topics specific to Livingston County. The CNA will be sharing the final report with the full HSCB and posting the report on the HSCB website. The survey will allow the HSCB identify critical needs of the community so that workgroups can be formed around emerging and ongoing issues.
- The CNA group reviewed other community specific surveys and data including the SAFE and SOUND Survey for in order to determine the practical application of the information.
- The CNA released topical Fact Sheets of pertinent information for the community. Fact Sheets are on the HSCB website.

Transportation Coalition

Time and time again, access to transportation services is identified as a major concern in Livingston County. Several workgroups have taken action to help build local capacity for these essential services. In 2010 the Transportation Coalition:

- Developed workgroups to address issues for recruitment and orientation, training and publicity. Workgroups increased group membership to include seniors, youth, and representatives from local transportation agencies, and rail road / high speed rail, and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The Training workgroup focused on the transit needs of the senior population and presented at Senior Power day. The Publicity workgroup developed a fact sheet that was shared with legislators.
- Facilitated the Annual Livingston Coordinated Transportation Plan that develops and prioritizes the major transportation needs in the community. Plan is used to provide local transit authorities with data and information to apply for federal transit dollars that increase employment centered routes & overall mobility.
- Hosted speakers from Michigan Department of Transportation on Context Sensitive Solutions, Complete Streets, and Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA) regarding the WALLY.
- Successfully assisted in the development of a specialty voucher programs between local transit provider People's Express and Community Mental Health that enabled clients to regularly attend their sessions.
- Livingston Essential Transportation Services (LETS) worked with Transportation Coalition partners to apply for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) dollars, expanding transportation services for low-income job seekers.

Preventing & Treating Substance Abuse

The HSCB workgroups strive to assess the system of substance abuse services in Livingston County & partner together with local professionals, community resources and individuals to address gaps & make change happen.

Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA):

- Received a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMSHA) \$500 stipend to host a Town Hall meeting to increase awareness of underage alcohol use. This stipend was used to purchase cameras and supplies for the Hartland SADD group to do Youth Photovoice. Students took pictures of things in their community that made them think about underage alcohol use. Photos were displayed throughout Livingston County.
- Worked with Kensington Woods High School staff and students to implement Project Sticker Shock
- Began forming a local coalition in Hartland to address underage drinking, adult binge drinking, and opiate use.

Treatment and Prevention

- Substance abuse treatment services have morphed from the traditional (outpatient, residential, detox) into the Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). While this change is still very much a work in progress, the workgroups have implemented early intervention activities (groups, case management, peer support) and strengthened the coordination of service delivery among several Livingston County providers. Traditional services are still provided, but the ROSC should eventually lead to cost savings & a more customer-focused service delivery system.
- The LCCA distributed over \$3,000 in mini-grants to several local youth sponsored or youth focused organizations to connect substance-free youth directed activities or events.
- The 6 Livingston County Prevention Project (LCPP) substance abuse prevention organizations completed 2 full years of coordinated service delivery. The interface between Project Success (in the schools) and Communities Mobilizing for Change (in the broad community) will strengthen the ability of the provider organizations to have a true environmental impact.

Supporting High Risk Families

Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)

The FAKS workgroup provides a network of resources for family education, support, recruitment and retention of foster, adoptive and kinship families.

- The FAKS group coordinated and hosted holiday parties, summer picnics, and family outings for the foster and adoptive families in Livingston County.
- Trainings and licensing activities were held monthly to build local foster and, adoptive home capacity in order to keep Livingston children in their community.
- The FAKS group was able to participate in various fundraising and donation programs resulting in hundreds of dollars worth of support for local foster and adoptive children.

Wraparound Process & Family Partner Program

As one of the longest running collaboratives in Livingston County, the Wraparound process continues to impress at the local & national levels.

- Additional Wraparound staff was hired to meet the overwhelming demand for kids with high levels of care need.
- Outcomes of the Wraparound program are exceptional. Wraparound families experienced increased functioning; decreased impairment and a reduction in challenging behaviors that could escalate to out of home placements.
- Over eighty-six percent of families enrolled in the Family Partner Programs had increased functioning and reported feeling better connected to the services and supports in the Livingston Community.

Youth in Transition (YIT)

This group works to build a community supportive to young people who are aging out of traditional services in Livingston County.

- The YIT group organized the first ever "Community Connect on Wheels" that took young people around the county to health and human service agencies in a fun atmosphere.
- YIT hosted Meet and Greets to share agency information about youth programming and opportunities.

